Dog Care & Obedience

Next meeting will be March 12 from 5:30-6:30 at the Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter located at 1549 E. Cameron Bridge Rd. We will be getting a tour and then we will work on our record books and record forms. Please bring them with you. If you have any questions, please call Cara at 580-4349.

Dog Agility - Changes, New Choices, & More Opportunities

The dog agility project has some new leaders and some returning leaders this year. We have two different groups that will be meeting. Our leaders will be meeting on different days of the week, choose either or both, which ever fits your schedule the best. See the project information from both leaders below:

Dog Agility - We will be starting soon!!!

April 7th is right around the corner! We will have our first session starting at 6:00 pm at the Fairgrounds in Livestock barn #2. This session is lead by Jeannie Biggers and Sami Jones. Please contact either of us if you have questions, Jeannie at jbiggers@gotdogagility.com or Sami at sami@gotdogagility.com.

Please bring the following:

- 1. A hungry dog (don't feed your dog dinner prior to coming, a hungry dog likes to work for good treats!)
- 2. Your dogs favorite SOFT treat (hotdogs are good and cheap, string cheese is also good) bring a baggy full with the item cut into small pieces.
- 3. A slip lead if you have one, if not a collar and a leash. Please have your dog ON LEASH when you enter the barn. No chain leashes please.
- 4. If you have a crate, bring it. It is nice to have a safe spot for your dog to rest and relax while others are working or lecture is taking place. We will also discuss crate games and making the crate a safe and happy place for your dog to hang out. We will have a few extra crates at the barn if you don't have one.
- 5. Plastic bags for dog clean up.
- 6. Please dress accordingly, the barn can get a little chilly at night.

An already taught trick! During introductions we will have a show and tell and it will be cool to see what you have already taught your dog. Looking forward to meeting all of you and helping you with your furry companions. See you soon! Please feel free to contact either of us if you need directions or have questions. Thanks - Jeannie

Welcome to our 2009 Agility Year

This year is marked by changes and choices. Nancy Creel is no longer the Agility 4-H Project Leader and she has asked me to continue what Nancy, Jean McCreight and I have been developing for the last 5 years. I'm happy to say that Jean will be with us again this year as much as her traveling plans will allow. I welcome Billie Kerans and Amy Crowder as our new assistant teachers. Billie has taught college level classes for over 20 years and Amy has taught agility for our GDAC club.

We will start March 17th at 4:30 pm in Livestock Building #1, the same building we have always used. For your convenience, we will stagger our beginning and end time to better fit your schedules. Our first group can start at 4:30 and work until 5:30 while the second group can start at 5:00 and go to 6:00. Whichever group works for your family and your schedules will be the group you join.

Please come prepared to play with your dog. Bring treats (meat based), bags for dog clean up and your dog on a leash. If you have any questions, please contact me at <u>dixonanne@hotmail.com</u> or 209-4997. I look forward to another great year with you and your dog. Thanks – Anne Dixon, Agility Leader.

Vet Science

We will be having a meeting at 6:00 pm, Tuesday, March 10th, at the Beef Nutrition building at the Miller Pavillion. This building is separate and west of the main MSU campus. Dress warm if it is cold. We will be looking at the inside of a cow's stomach. If you have any questions please call Double Diamond Vet at 522-9491.